

To permit the Organizing Committee to make suitable provisions, each Representative Institution is requested to send to the Secretary of the Congress at the earliest possible date the names and addresses of all official members, members, and participants who are expected to attend the Congress.

PUBLICATIONS

Handbooks and Program will be issued to all members; the Proceedings of the Congress will be issued to Representative Institutions and official members. Members and participants may purchase the Proceedings at cost price.

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

Ten divisions representing different sciences have been organized and divisional meetings for discussion of papers of divisional interest will be held. [The ten divisions under which the meetings will be organized are: (1) Geophysics and Geology; (2) Meteorology; (3) Oceanography and Marine Biology; (4) Zoology; (5) Botany; (6) Soil Resources and Agriculture; (7) Anthropology; (8) Public Health and Nutrition; (9) Social Sciences; (10) Organization of Research.] The Program will, however, give chief place to symposia on special topics of interest to two or more divisions. A first draft of the program has been sent to Representative Institutions; the final program will be arranged after hearing their views. [The final program will be published in the October number of *PACIFIC SCIENCE* if it is available in time—Ed.]

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The Secretary-General will welcome inquiries or suggestions from intending members or participants, or from scientific institutions.—*Gilbert Archey, Secretary-General, Seventh Pacific Science Congress.*

Further Information Concerning the Fulbright Act

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY of information, available to date, concerning the implementation of the Fulbright Act has been received from Harold J. Coolidge, Executive Secretary of the Pacific Science Board of the National Research Council.

The Fulbright Act (Public Law No. 584) authorizes the Department of State to use a portion of the foreign currencies resulting from the sale of surplus property abroad for purposes of educational interchange and activities with foreign countries.

At present agreements have been signed with only two countries—China and Burma; but negotiations are in progress with the following: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Italy, the Netherlands, the Netherlands East In-

dies, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Siam, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and it is expected that other countries may be added to the list.

It should be stressed that since the money available is only in foreign currencies and is not convertible to American dollars, individual arrangements must be made for each American participating in the program for such dollar balances as he will require to meet his family needs and other obligations in the United States during the period of his absence abroad.

While the term educational interchange may be interpreted very broadly, the following amplification will serve as a more useful guide to the types of activities envisaged:

Aid in international reconstruction by assisting foreign countries to secure the services of

Americans with specialized knowledges and skills and to assist the peoples of these countries to understand the American people, their achievements, and their ideals.

Provision for Americans to study, teach, and conduct research abroad in connection with American schools or with institutions of higher learning, and to add to the American store of knowledge of foreign areas, peoples, and cultures.

Opportunities for a limited number of foreign students to study in American institutions abroad and to assist foreign students and teachers to engage in educational activities in the United States by paying for their transportation whenever foreign currencies can be used for this purpose.

Under the terms of the Fulbright Act, a Board of Foreign Scholarships is charged with the responsibility of selecting individuals and institutions which will participate under the act and with the supervision of the exchange program. The Board is composed of individuals representing a wide range of educational and cultural interests in addition to representatives of the government agencies most concerned.

The Board has delegated responsibility for preliminary screening of applicants for grants to three agencies:

1. The Institute of International Education for those wishing to study in foreign institutions, primarily at the graduate level;
2. The Office of Education for those wishing to teach abroad in national elementary and secondary schools;
3. The Conference Board of Associated Research Councils for those wishing to teach, lecture, or offer technical instruction in connection with institutions of higher learning or to pursue studies and research abroad at

the post-doctoral level. The Conference Board will also screen applicants for teaching positions in American elementary and secondary schools abroad.

For discharging this responsibility, the Conference Board has established a Committee on International Exchange of Persons with offices at the National Academy of Sciences Building, Washington, D. C. All inquiries concerning the exchange of professors, lecturers, specialists, and research scholars at the post-doctoral level, and inquiries concerning opportunities for teaching in American primary and secondary schools abroad including requests for application forms should be addressed to:

The Executive Secretary,
Committee on International Exchange of
Persons,
Conference Room of Associated Research
Councils,
2101 Constitution Avenue,
Washington 25, D. C.

Inquiries relating to graduate student exchanges should be addressed to:

Institute of International Education,
2 West 45th Street,
New York 19, N. Y.

All inquiries relating to national primary and secondary school teaching should be addressed to:

The Office of Education,
4th and Independence Ave. S.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Inquiries relating to exchanges other than those concerned with the Fulbright Act should be addressed to:

The Division of International Exchange
of Persons,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.